



## SLICES NEWSLETTER

April 9, 2021

# Calendar Highlights

**April 12 - April 16: Spring Break - No School**

**April 22 - 9:00 am: Coffee Cart on Zoom**

**April 24 - Jennifer Annable to be honored at NeurodiverseNW '21. Details on Page 7**

**May 4 and 5 - Give BIG (online giving days to be focused on the South Campus expansion)**

**May 5 - Virtual Science Fair**

**May 6 - 4:00 pm: Parent Council meeting (Zoom link will be sent out)**

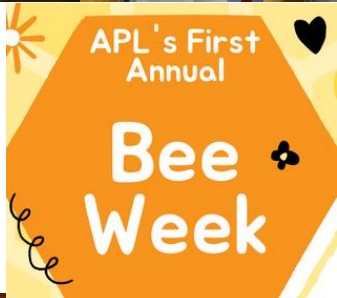
You can check out our whole school calendar any time [HERE](#).

## Spring Break Reminder



Enjoy your Spring Break next week! As a reminder (like you haven't been looking forward to it!), APL is closed all next week, April 12 to April 16. We will see you back at school or virtually on Monday, April 19. Have a safe and restful time off.

## Images from Experiential Learning Week



Check out what K/1 has been up to for ELW and start getting ready for Bee Week 2022! You better BEElieve we will have activities planned for the rest of the APL hive!



## April is Autism Acceptance Month



APL recognizes April as National #AutismAcceptance month.

The autism community, led by the Autism Society (<http://Autism-Society.org>) is calling on all of us to shift our language away from "awareness" to match the growing need for acceptance in our community.

Follow @AutismSociety on Twitter or go to <https://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/national-autism-awareness-month/>

## Upcoming Parent Council Meeting

Mark your calendars now for the next Parent Council meeting on Thursday, May 6. It will be online at 4:00 p.m.

We need your input - we will be discussing options for the June Virtual Event that will take the place of our in-person Fun Run! And help us explore options for our Spring Formal.

In the meantime, watch for an invitation to get involved with Staff Appreciation Week, starting on May 3.

## Our Spring 2021 K-1 Open House for Prospective Families is Coming Up!



Spread the word for prospective preschool families to join us online for our K-1 Open House on April 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

We will be holding this open house to focus specifically on our K-1 classroom spots. If you know families with preschoolers, please let them know to sign up at <https://bit.ly/APLapril21>.

For families who cannot make it that evening, we are happy to set up a one-one-one meeting or virtual tour. They can e-mail us at [admissions@aplschool.org](mailto:admissions@aplschool.org).

## Before Break - Sign Your Contract!

Tuition contracts were due on March 8th. If you have not done so already, please review and sign yours via DocuSign. In many cases, both guardians need to sign the contract. If only one guardian has signed, it is not yet complete. If you have not received a confirmation message from DocuSign, that means the process is not complete and we may need your spouse, partner, or co-guardian to also sign.



To include your student on our class rosters for next year, we need to know which classes are full - we have new families waiting to hear if their student will become part of the APL community. Please do your part and send in your contract today. Thank you! If you are not sure of your status, please email Anne at [admissions@aplschool.org](mailto:admissions@aplschool.org).

## And ... Complete Your March Survey



We are still looking for everyone's thoughts on their experience with APL from last month. Would you please take a moment to complete the March Sentiment Survey? Here is the link-- and thank you very much!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/725LD9Y>

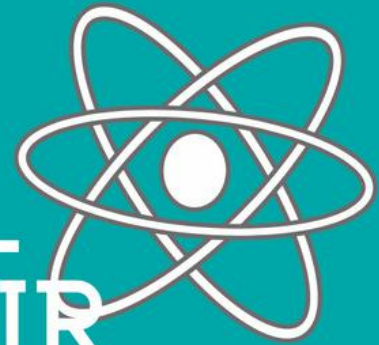
# Upcoming Online Programming

APL Virtual Science Fair 2021

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## APL VIRTUAL SCIENCE FAIR 2021

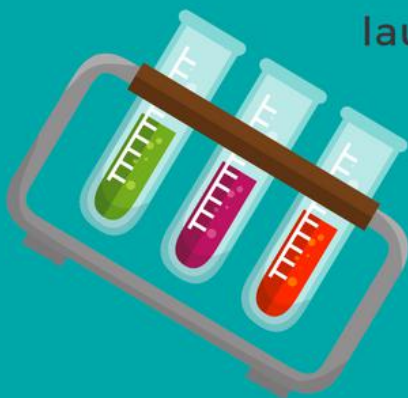


Please join us on **May 5th** to cheer on our students as they present their research on a range of topics from how music affects our moods to which types of balls bounce best on which surfaces.

Details as to specific Upper and Lower School presentation times and virtual locations will be forth coming.

In the meantime, for further information please contact your child's homeroom teacher or send inquiries to:

[laura.b@aplschool.org](mailto:laura.b@aplschool.org)



# Upcoming Online Programming

## Upcoming Expos at the Virtual Transition Fair



**King County**

2021 King County Virtual  
Transition Fair



The Virtual Platform is now open - and the two live *Exhibitor Expos* on *April 20th* and *May 1st* from 10 am - 1 pm PST. Registration is free for residents of King County and \$10 will be charged for non-county residents.

Register [HERE!](#)

## Jennifer Annable to be honored at NeurodiverseNW Event!

Ryther Child Center is hosting NeurodiverseNW '21, a virtual event on the evening of April 24 from 5-6 pm,

Join to celebrate the neurodiverse community in the Pacific Northwest. It's a chance to recharge together (virtually) and celebrate the families, providers, and most of all, the youth that make this community incredible.

Register [HERE](#) to reserve your spot!

*Keynote speakers:*

*Autistic actor and activist Mickey Rowe:*

*<https://www.huffpost.com/author/mickey-rowe>*

*Community leader Shayla Collins: <https://ccfwb.uw.edu/team/shayla-collins/>*

They will be honoring our 2021 AY Community Champion, Jennifer Annable (former director of UW Experimental Education Unit (EEU) and APL School).

The event is also a fundraiser to help serve more families through Aspiring Youth programs, with auction items and prizes for inviting the most people.

We hope that you can Join NeurodiverseNW '21! Questions? Contact [info@aspiringyouth.net](mailto:info@aspiringyouth.net).

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## Weekly Aspiring Youth Young Adult Group Meetings

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## ASPIRING YOUTH YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Aspiring Youth young adult group is a chance for young adults from the neurodiverse community to connect and share conversation and personal interests. This group meets once per week via Zoom.

The discussion portion of the group is a chance to chat about favorite video games, movies, and other shared topics. Connections and friendships outside of the online group are encouraged, and there will be a separate online chat forum for group members to connect outside of the weekly group. There is also a shared project component to this group. Working together on a project empowers group members to socialize around a specific goal and can be a great way to build friendships. The project will be organizing a virtual gaming mini-convention, in the build-up to Aspiring Youth's annual convention, QRKCON ([www.qrkcon.com](http://www.qrkcon.com)). Group members will brainstorm ideas for the mini-convention, develop social media and branding, recruit panelists, and other fun and engaging group tasks. The group members will be able to include their work on this project on their resume and gain valuable experience in group project work.

The group runs for 10 weeks, beginning April 8 and ending June 10. The total fee is \$500 for ten weeks. In addition to the weekly groups, there is free participation in the online chat forum to provide further social opportunities. There is also an end-of-group phone call for each group member to discuss their progress and their upcoming goals with one of the facilitators.

To enroll, email [benw@ryther.org](mailto:benw@ryther.org) or call 206.517.0222

### Facilitators:

**Ben Wahl:** Ben has worked with children, adolescents, and young adults for over twenty years in a variety of roles. In 2005, Ben founded the Aspiring Youth Program. He has also worked on projects to serve neurodiverse young adults, including Thrive Seattle Living. Ben holds a BA from Wesleyan University and an MSW from the University of Washington. In his free time, Ben enjoys spending time with this family, gardening, trail running, and other outdoor pursuits.

**Connor Folsie:** Connor has a law degree from the University of Texas and is currently working on getting his Master of Social Work at the University of Washington. He has a physical disability and hopes to open his own counseling practice geared towards others with disabilities after graduation. He is a film buff, a gym rat, and a coffee addict who also enjoys board games, video games, kayaking, the Seahawks, and most recently, guitar.

